

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A reproducing apparatus comprising:

a receiving unit that receives a broadcast program;

a first acquiring unit that acquires first video data according to the received broadcast program;

a second acquiring unit that acquires second video data, which corresponds to the first video data but is reduced as compared with the first video data;

a reproducing-recording unit that extracts a-records the first and second video signal data from a recording medium in which (1) video signals that have same contents but are compressed in a plurality of different bit rates, and (2) record management information that denotes a mutual association between said video signals that have the same contents but are compressed in a plurality of different bit rates, are recorded, respectively so that the first and second video data recorded are mutually associated with each other; and

a decoding-reproducing unit that decodes-reproduces said the first video signal data extracted-recorded from said recording medium; and,

wherein a the recording unit that records, in correspondence to said record management information, reproduction management information including reproduction-interruption information for defining a point of interruption in time when a user where the reproducing unit interrupts a reproduction of said the first video signals data recorded from said recording medium, and

wherein, when the second video data recorded and the reproduction management information recorded are available for an external reproducing device, the external reproducing device uses the reproduction management information

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~~recorded to reproduce said the second video signals data recorded are decoded according to a selected bit rate of said plurality of different bit rates from said the point of interruption in time.~~

2.- 27. (Cancelled)